

## RESOLUTION No. 2011-2976

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF NEWBERG'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OREGON'S FLEXIBLE FUNDS PROGRAM

## **RECITALS:**

- 1. The State of Oregon recently announced it is accepting grant applications under the ODOT's Flexible Funds Program. Grant applications are due October 20, 2011.
- 2. The City has evaluated potential projects in Newberg that would qualify for the State of Oregon's Flexible Funds Program. The City has recommended the submission of a grant application to this program to fund pedestrian and bicycle improvements along N. College Street (State Highway 219). The proposed project would include the construction of sidewalk on the west side of College Street and bike lanes on both sides of the highway. The project area would be from Aldercrest Drive to E. Foothills Drive.
- 3. This portion of N. College Street is classified as a "critical route" in need of improvements by the City's ADA/Pedestrian/Bike Route Improvement Plan. The City believes the proposed project would greatly improve the safety for all users of this portion of Highway 219.
- 4. The City of Newberg recently received \$800,000.00 in grant funds from the State of Oregon's Transportation Enhancement Program to construct bike and pedestrian improvements between Vermillion Street and Aldercrest Drive on Highway 219. Construction for these improvements is planned for 2013.
- 5. By providing these grant funds, the State has recognized the significant need for these types of improvements along N. College Street. The City feels the proposed project is a strong application, as the proposed project will be extending similar improvements along a state highway that the State of Oregon has already recognized is in need of assistance.
- 6. The project area is located on State Highway 219 and is one of Newberg's busiest arterials. In spite of the heavy vehicular use in the project area and lack of sidewalks and adequate bike lanes on the highway, it is used by many pedestrians and cyclists. Users of this portion of the highway have many destinations within and/or nearby the project area, including our historic downtown, George Fox University, Veritas School, Jaquith Park, Open Bible School, Austin Elementary, the Austin Sports Complex, the Newberg Senior Center, Crater Elementary, Chehalem Valley Middle School, and the Darnell Wright Sports Complex.

## THE CITY OF NEWBERG RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Newberg supports the submission of a grant application to the State of Oregon's Flexible Funds Program for the construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Highway 219. If grant funds are awarded, the City will provide the required match funding to implement the project.

> EFFECTIVE DATE of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: October 18, 2011.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Norma I. Alley, City Recorder

**ATTEST** by the Mayor this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Bob Andrews, Mayor

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